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SAFE RETURN TO CAMPUS

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The COVID-19 Response Team and University leadership continue to closely monitor the local, state and national situation in consultation with health experts and in accordance to government guidelines. If conditions change, the University will alter plans to ensure the safety of the campus community.

Fall Term 2020 classes begin on October 5. As the University's COVID-19 Response Team continues to finalize details for the fall, please carefully review these updates. They include important information related to how you will need to prepare in advance of arriving on campus, as well as campus procedures and protocols to follow once you do.

Open Testing Available September 2

Free COVID-19 testing will again be made available to any student or employee who is concerned about potential exposure to the coronavirus or who simply would like the peace of mind of being tested. The test is painless, easy, and takes about 5 minutes.

Open testing will be from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, in the Abbey (Campus Center). No pre-registration is required, but participants must present their Kettering ID. Stop by at any time during the testing hours to take advantage of this opportunity. If you have not yet been tested, or if you have been in situations recently that may have exposed you to the virus, we encourage you strongly to be tested now. If you experience symptoms prior to this testing date, don't wait. Stay in place, and if you are a student, immediately contact the Wellness Center at (810) 762-9650, or if you are an employee, immediately contact HR at (810) 762-9933.

Thompson Hall Move-In

Move-in to Thompson Hall is scheduled for October 3-4. Move-in details will be communicated directly over the next couple of weeks as appropriate to students and their families. These communications will come directly from the Office of Student Affairs.

Before You Arrive On Campus - Preparations Begin September 19

All incoming students regardless of living arrangements will be asked to practice enhanced social distancing for two weeks prior to arrival on campus. This is a change in our practice from the Summer Term. It reflects what we have learned and recognizes the challenges imposed by varying infection rates across the country in areas from which our students will be traveling to campus.

The enhanced social distancing period will begin Sept. 19 for all students enrolled in

the fall, including incoming residents of Thompson Hall and all students residing off-campus, regardless of group affiliation or residence. The intent of this precaution is to limit the opportunities for exposure in all groups prior to coming to campus and to identify any potential illness in those coming to campus before other members of the community might be exposed to them.

What will you need to do between September 19 and October 5?

- Monitor your health for any symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the Center for Disease Control including fever, cough, trouble breathing or other symptoms. Full list of symptoms can be found [here](#).
- Self-report and seek medical attention immediately if symptomatic.
- Wear a face mask at all times when in public.
- Stay home.
- Maintain six feet of distance from others when outside.
- Avoid all gatherings of groups outside of your home.
- Avoid all forms of public transportation including subways, buses, Uber/Lyft, etc.

Obviously, if you are symptomatic or have had a positive COVID-19 test within 14 days of your scheduled arrival on campus, you should delay your travel plans and contact the Wellness Center for further directions.

In addition to these precautions, **students or employees who have traveled internationally or those arriving from states with more than 10% COVID-19 positive testing rate** on a seven-day rolling average, will be required to self-isolate for a minimum of 7 days before arriving on campus. Consistent with the [University travel policy instated July 28](#), you should use the John Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center through its website link “[Testing Trends Tool](#)” to determine the status of the state from which you will be traveling.

All individuals arriving on campus will be required to abide by existing University safety guidelines, including wearing a mask at ALL times while on campus, social distancing, daily health checks and self-reporting of illness or symptoms. For more information on these, please refer to the University’s COVID-19 [website](#).

Initial Fall Term 2020 COVID-19 Testing

Free COVID-19 testing will again be available to the campus community in the fall. Testing is typically conducted on as-needed basis, but the University will also continue to offer a number of walk-in open testing opportunities for all members of the community over the course of the term.

The following dates have already been established to provide testing services for incoming students and employees for Fall Term 2020:

- October 1-2 – Required testing for faculty and staff who will be on campus for Fall Term.
- October 3-4 – Required testing for Thompson Hall residents during Move-In.
- October 5-6 – Optional, yet strongly recommended, testing for off-campus residents (including Greek Life).

Testing locations may vary, and testing dates are being scheduled for late September for those who have traveled internationally or from a state with 10% or higher consistent with our travel policy. Updated information will be communicated when it is finalized.

Stay Informed, Stay Safe

To ensure our community stays safe and is informed with the latest information, everyone is expected to:

- Read all emails from the University as well as the campus-wide e-newsletter Bulldog Weekly (sent on Tuesdays to all students, staff and faculty).
- Regularly check the University's [Safe Return to Campus](#) page at [website](#) and [my.kettering.edu](#).
- Sign up for [Kettering Alerts](#).
- Practice safe measures (by wearing your mask at ALL times while on campus and social distancing) whether on or off campus.
- Be open and truthful when completing your daily health screening.
- STAY HOME if you experience even one of the CDC identified symptoms of COVID-19 (you can find the list [here](#)).
- STAY IN YOUR ROOM if you live in Thompson Hall and experience symptoms. Contact the Wellness Center for further direction.

Questions? Email welcomedbackbulldogs@kettering.edu

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